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ARTISTS AGAINST UTILITIES LAW, BUT NOT NOW

Crafty Writers of the Platform Give Him a Pretext to Avoid Including It in Special Legislature.

The crafty writers of the Democratic platform in Nashville at the convention last week gave Gov. Roberts an opportunity to stifle himself—an opportunity which he gladly seized—by declaring that the repeal of the repeal of the utilities law which constituted the first big achievement of his administration.

The law was passed almost without a struggle, and with practically no resistance except on the part of the members of the Shelby county legislature who were friendly to Crump.

The platform actually declares for the repeal of the law by the legislature of 1931.

The governor is going to call a special session of the legislature in July to pass upon a few popular and non-controversial matters.

In reply to the direct question the governor states that he has not decided to include in his call a demand for the repeal of the law giving the railroad commission the right to violate and ignore franchise contracts, fix rates and pass upon the question of adequate service on the part of public service corporations.

He says he favors the repeal of the law since the platform declares in favor of it, but, he points out, the platform declares for the repeal in 1931 and he doubts the wisdom of including the repeal in the special session owing to the fact "that the platform declares in favor of its repeal in 1931, and the fact that the special session of the legislature is called almost exclusively to ask its repeal at the hands of the same legislature."

Compliments Legislature.

In other words the governor pays the members of the legislature the compliment of saying that they might not change their minds as readily as he has changed his, and he prefers to wait for another legislature and another year before riding the state of the iniquitous law.

The governor knew when the law was passed that it was prepared, promoted and put through the legislature by the street car gas and electric, water power and other influential public service corporations. He knew that the people did not want it and he knew it as well as he knows it now.

And while the governor professes to be in favor of destroying the handwork of his own administration he is manifesting no hurry about it. It is an iniquitous thing, he admits, but it ought to be permitted to endure and oppress the people for another year at least.

By that time the primary will be over, the November election will be followed by the past and the legislature in letter and in spirit will not be an eyelash.

But the governor has not made up his mind yet what he will do. He has his ear to the ground. If sentiment is sufficiently strong he might be induced to include the repeal of the law in the special session and let the legislature assume the responsibility of not repealing it. Controlling the party machinery of the state, and being the dominant figure that he is, there is no doubt that the governor could secure the repeal of the law if he so desires.

Besides, the governor could easily overcome whatever pride he has in a thing he has done. He has no pride in the repeal of the law, but he has pride in the fact that he has not repealed it. He has pride in the fact that he has not repealed it.

POPULATION GROWTH IS SHOWN BY TOWNS

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Census figures announced today include: Columbus, Miss., 10,991, increase 1,514, or 16.6 per cent. Tallapoosa, Ala., 6,042, increase 2,703, or 89 per cent. Dyersburg, Tenn., 6,444, increase 2,295, or 55.3 per cent.

An increase of twenty seven in the population of Mobile, Ala., was shown in revised figures issued by the bureau of census today, making Mobile's 1920 population 60,144 instead of 60,117 as previously announced.

FRANK POLK RETIRES.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Frank L. Polk, of New York, retired today as assistant secretary of the treasury, succeeded by Norman Davis, of Tullahoma, Tenn., formerly assistant secretary of the treasury, who was appointed yesterday at the White House.

THE WEATHER

Twenty-four hours to noon, June 15: Hour. Dry bulb. Wet bulb. Humidity. 7 p.m. yesterday 75 73 65. 8 a.m. today 78 73 78. Noon today 88 76 67. Maximum 94. Minimum 64. Sun sets today 7:15 p.m. Rise tomorrow 4:45 a.m. Moon rises 4:56 a.m. tonight. Precipitation, none.

Tennessee—Cloudy; showers and thunderstorms probable.

Mississippi—Fair, continued warm.

Arkansas—Cloudy, continued warm.

Alabama—Fair, continued warm.

Louisiana—Fair.

Kentucky—Cloudy, showers and thunderstorms probable.

North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida—Fair.

Okla.—Fair.

East and West Texas—Cloudy.

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MEMPHIS TO LEAD SOUTH WITH MOST PRETENTIOUS WINTER MUSIC PROGRAM

Memphis this fall and winter will lead the entire South in presenting to the public concert and opera stars. Contracts have been closed that will bring to the city more artists of ability and international recognition than ever before.

And this, according to representatives of the artists, will place this city above New Orleans, Birmingham and Atlanta in the number and quality of attractions offered.

Angelo and Joseph Cortese are taking the lead in the program. While the Bee-thoven club, with Mrs. J. F. Hill as president, will present many numbers.

A full week of grand opera with the Cortese company, a spring festival bringing some of the leading artists in the country and several other contracts will supplement the regular course.

This is the first time in several years that an attempt has been made for such an ambitious grand opera season. This year the program given was of a high quality, but promises are that for 1920-21 the company and opera given will surpass previous attempts.

Announcing the program for the spring festival to be held in April, Angelo Cortese made public concert, signed with the Bee-thoven club, and under Director Stankov. Other artists who will appear during the festival will be the Italian soprano, Florence Macbeth, prima donna; the Italian soprano, the Chicago Grand Opera company and Helen Stankov, of the Chicago Grand Opera company.

Plan Innovation.

Another innovation for the Memphis public will be the experiment in October of a Sunday afternoon concert, with a Sunday afternoon dramatic company, as the attraction.

Other numbers which will comprise the regular course will include the Alma Gluck and Efrim Zimlist, violinist.

Margaret Matzenauer, rated by many critics as the greatest contralto in the world.

Edward Johnson, tenor, who is considered next to Caruso, following his triumph in the Chicago Grand Opera company.

Honeymooners To Brave Lumbermen On Trip

The lumbermen's club of Memphis has taken out to be an unwitting accomplice toward the honeymooners. "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again," the club motto is.

After repeated visits to railroad ticket agents, the city in an attempt to obtain reserved seats for the Illinois Central railroad for Chicago, leaving Monday at 4:46 o'clock.

A young couple, who were married at high noon on that day, were about to start on their honeymoon trip, when the happy bridegroom, who was the young bride's brother, was called to the city by a business matter.

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Crossing Flagman, Fatally Injured When Trains Crash, Dies Soon After Arrival at Local Hospital.

An official investigation into the wreck of Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific freight trains at 5 p.m. Monday at the crossing near the city, which killed a flagman, was begun Tuesday by officials of the railroad to determine the cause of the accident.

The Missouri Pacific train, which was carrying a load of coal, was crossing the Union Pacific tracks when the accident occurred.

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ROAD TO BE REORGANIZED TO BE COMPLETE REORGANIZATION OF Whole Department, With Two Shifts on Duty, Arranged for by Commissioner

Complete reorganization of the traffic department of the police department will be effected in the next few days, according to Commissioner Vincent Lucarini.

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